

May 3, 2021

To: Members of the Budget and Finance Committee 202101606

From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager

Subject: Emergency Ordinance – HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) 2021 American Rescue Plan Act Stimulus

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

ESTABLISHING new Home Investment Trust Fund 411 project account no. 411x162x4112131, “HOME-American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP)”; and further **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate the sum of \$9,923,076, to be received pursuant to an additional award from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development under the HOME Investment Partnerships Program in order to help create housing and services for people experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness, to the newly-created Home Investment Trust Fund 411 project account no. 411x162x4112131, “HOME-American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP).”

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance will establish new HOME Investment Trust Fund 411 project account no. 411x162x4112131, “HOME-American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP)”. This Emergency Ordinance will further authorize the acceptance and appropriation the sum of \$9,923,076 to be received pursuant to an additional award from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development under the HOME Investment Partnerships Program as part of the American Rescue Plan in order to help create housing and services for people experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness, to the newly-created Home Investment Trust Fund 411 project account no. 411x162x4112131, “HOME-American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP).”

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced the initial entitlement grant allocation to the City for the 2021 HOME program per Assistance Listing Number (ALN) No. 14.239 via Award M-21-MC-39-0213 on February 25, 2021.

HUD received an additional federal appropriation through the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act for use in funding additional HOME awards to entitlement grantees in order to meet the needs of people experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness, and announced that the City would receive \$9,923,076 (the “HOME ARP Grant”).

Additional guidance may be forthcoming from HUD on eligible uses of the HOME ARP Grant, and one or more additional ordinances may be presented to Council to appropriate the funds.

Accepting and appropriating funds for the HOME program is in accordance with the “Live” goal to “support and stabilize our neighborhoods” as described on page 160 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to provide funding for vital City programs.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Christopher A. Bigham, Assistant City Manager
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Attachment

